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## CAPs concerts

Big names come to campus

### "Hot, Sexy and Safer"

Lecture/comedian Suzy Landolphi entertained a crowd of an estimated 500 people, during her CAPs sponsored performance titled "Hot, Sexy and Safer," Sept. 25 in the Mary Linn performing Arts Center.

"Hot, Sexy and Safer was wild, fun and informative," said Amy Stoner, Northwest student.

Her unique style of comedy, laced with serious undertones, surprised and delighted many.

"I thought it was really funny," said Lori Flint. "I expected someone to stand up and preach to us and not be funny. We've had enough preaching."

Landolphi's message was an easy one to interpret. "If you are going to have sex, do it safer," said Mary Kemp of Landolphi's message.

Topics included in Landolphi's routine ranged from sexual knowledge to how to have a good relationship; from how to deal with your feelings to how to have safer sex.

"She was really funny," said Flint, "and she was worth being brought in."

Landolphi used the last five minutes of her routine to get personal with the crowd. By sharing her feelings about the friends she had lost to AIDS and other reasons why she chose to give up her career as a film producer and director, she created a bond between herself and the audience, said Tamara Shelton. "It really touched my heart," she added.

Landolphi received a standing ovation for her performance.

### Student returns

Former Northwest student and 1989 "Star Search" comedy grand champion, Mike Saccone, will make a return to campus next week.

Saccone will perform at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 1 at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

A \$1 admission will be charged for the event, sponsored by Campus Activity Programmers.

In addition to "Star Search," Saccone has made appearances on "Comic Strip Live," Showtime's "Comedy Club Network" and MTV's "Half-Hour Comedy Hour." He has also appeared at colleges throughout the nation and opened concerts for Emo Phillips, The Hooters and Paul Anka.

USING YOUR HEAD—Suzy Landolphi demonstrates the elasticity of a condom to Northwest students Tuesday night in her presentation at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. (Photo by Sabine Grable)

UPCOMING ATTRACTIONS—CAPS will feature comedian Mike Saccone, a former Northwest student, Oct. 1 and Meatloaf Oct. 10.



## Instructors learn to teach critical thinking skills

by Jennifer Gardner

Staff Writer

Throughout the school year workshops will be held to inform instructors of better ways to teach certain skills to students.

The first of the workshops was held Sept. 21 and 22 and featured guest speaker John Chafee, writer of the book "Thinking Critically." Chafee led the workshop in discussion.

Although all workshops are volunteer, 39 instructors participated and each was given advice on teaching students critical thinking skills.

Critical thinking is based on Benjamin Bloom's Taxonomy, which lists a variety of ways people interpret information. There are six levels to critical thinking: knowledge and recall are the simplest, comprehension, application, analysis, synthesis and evaluation, the highest.

It is an active, purposeful and organized effort to make sense of our world by carefully examining our thinking and the thinking of others, to clarify and improve our understanding.

"Students need to learn to think critically because when they go to get a job, they're not going to be handed a multiple choice test; they will improve their thinking once they learn to think critically," said Chafee.

The workshop consisted of discussions, questions, a television videotape and examples of critical thinking techniques.

Dr. Terry Barnes, director of Culture of Quality, suggested ideas on how to get students to think critically during classes. Such strategies included: allowing students the opportunity to discuss their feelings and thoughts about a certain subject with their classmates; avoid giving multiple choice tests and instead give short answer or essay tests, so the students have to think about their answers not just recall them; and have students make a class journal about what they have learned and what occurred each day of class.

"Critical thinking is one way to get away from memorization," Barnes said. "There is no easy way for a student to think critically but they have to manage their time so they have time to think about what they are doing. Going to school is like a 40-hour job without any outside activities; it's hard work."

Many of the instructors that attended the workshop feel critical thinking is one of the most important aspects of a good education. They feel the workshop helped them improve their teaching skills.

"Lectures are an easy way for instructors to take up time but the object is to get the students involved," said Dave Oehler, theatre instructor.

Oehler is not the only instructor who feels student activity is necessary.

Dr. Loren Gruber, professor of English, added, "I've attended many workshops and the last one I went to was on writing. Critical thinking goes side by side with it. My courses involve a lot of critical thinking."

The two-day workshop ended with a short videotape. The tape was made by Chafee on the issue of death. Chafee interviewed students from different universities about death and the importance of critical thinking during times of pressure.

"After you gather all the information about what you choose to do, you then sit down and sort out your options, including asking yourself if you like your choice," said James Hurst, history instructor. "Feeling comfortable about your decisions is to me the most important. Don't be so rational that you're irrational. Think about all reasons for your actions."

Each instructor who attended the workshop left with new ideas and techniques to use in the classrooms.

"Each idea can be placed in the instructor's bag of tricks and can be used anytime," said Barnes.

"It is very important for us to be involved in intramurals," Estep said. "It teaches you to have discipline and you also get to meet members of other fraternities."

The most important change that the fraternity made was becoming more selective with new members, Estep said.

"I knew this might hurt us financially in the short run. It was at a point where we were changing. I felt taking quality members only would pay off in the long run and it has," he said.

Bill Dizney served as the fraternity's adviser last year and was a great deal of help, according to Estep.

"I became very close friends with Bill," he said. "He was always there when I needed to talk with him."

Estep said it was difficult to change so many things so fast during his term as president.

"Sometimes it was pretty rough," he said. "A lot of the older members couldn't see the light about why all these changes were needed."

"One time Bill stood up at our meeting and said he had total confidence in me and if they executed these plans and supported me, someday we would achieve success."

Estep seemed to have gotten the respect of fraternity members during his term as president.

"He is the best president we have had in a long time," fraternity member James McMorrow said. "He is the kind of guy who would do anything for the fraternity. He is just an all around good guy."



NATIONAL RECOGNITION—Former Alpha Kappa Lambda president, Charles Estep, displays the Clarence E. Brehm Award to his fellow Northwest fraternity brothers. Estep received the award in recognition of his participation in intramural sports. (Photo by Sabine Grable)

## AKL president receives national recognition

by Gene Morris  
*Sports Editor*

If you judge a president by the accomplishment of his or her goals, then Alpha Kappa Lambda's Charles Estep has to be considered a great one.

Estep left the Fraternities National Conclave at Berkley College in California with three goals in mind for the Northwest chapter. He said he wanted to

make the fraternity an outstanding organization on campus,

receive University recognition

and win a national chapter award. The fraternity has accom-

plished all of those goals since Estep began his term as president

in April, 1989.

Two national awards were presented to the chapter last week. Alpha Kappa Lambda received the Beckman Ide National Chapter of the Year Award for being the most improved chapter. The award was the first Northwest's chapter of Alpha Kappa Lambda had ever received. Estep was also honored by the national organization with the Clarence E. Brehm Award.

The award is presented to an individual who has illustrated superior ability and leadership. The person receiving the award is selected based upon his or her performance within the fraternity and participation in campus activities.

"It gives me a feeling of reward for loyalty and dedication I had for the fraternity," Estep said. "Having everyone else working towards your goals is the key. A lot of teamwork was involved in the award."

The chapter was recognized by Northwest last year as the outstanding Greek organization. During Greek Week, the chapter was also noted as the organization with the most participation.

Estep said Alpha Kappa Lambda had the image of being a party fraternity when he was elected president. The fraternity was also not involved in campus activities prior to his election.

The first thing Estep decided to do was improve the image of the fraternity on campus. He said he accomplished this by cutting down on the parties and becoming more involved in campus activities. The fraternity participated in Homecoming last year. It was the first time it had been involved since 1986.

"Through these changes, the guys knew we were doing the right thing. University President Dean Hubbard sent a letter of congratulations to myself and the fraternity. He said the fraternity set an excellent example for both the campus and the community," Estep said.

The fraternity also became more involved in intramural sports.

## Quake hits eastern Missouri

Much of eastern Missouri was shaken by an earthquake early Wednesday morning, but there were no immediate reports of damage or injury.

The quake, occurring at approximately 8:20 a.m., measured 4.6 on the Richter Scale and was reported being felt as far north as St. Louis and Hannibal.

The quake's epicenter was located in southeast Missouri, just 10 miles southwest of Cape Girardeau.

Apparently the quake took place along the New Madrid seis-

mic zone, which extends from Marked Tree, Ark. to southern Illinois. The Madrid fault was the site of a series of quakes, some of the strongest to ever occur in the United States, in 1811 and 1812.

Experts have been predicting an earthquake of similar magnitude to strike the fault zone before the end of the century. One forecaster has even narrowed the date to early December of this year.

Witnesses said the quake could be felt for 2 to 3 seconds.

### Iraq has 800 missiles in Kuwait

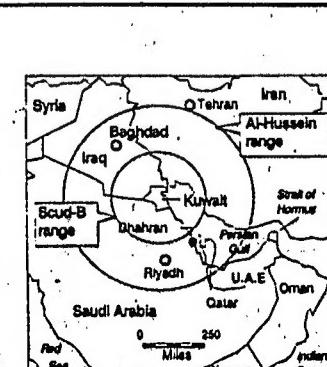
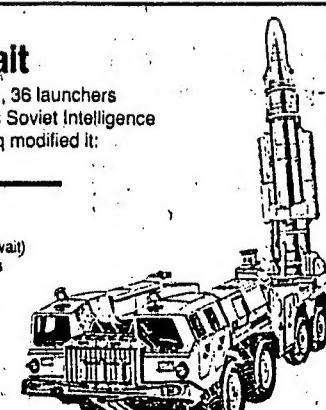
Iraq reportedly has positioned 800 ballistic missiles, 36 launchers around Kuwait, says Henry Dodds, editor of Jane's Soviet Intelligence Review. The Soviet-designed Scud-B and how Iraq modified it:

#### Soviet Scud-B

Range: 186 miles (unable to reach Saudi Arabian cities of Riyadh or Dhahran from Kuwait)  
Warhead: About 2,200 pounds; explosive power equal to one stealth bomber  
Length: 37 feet  
Diameter: 34 inches  
Weight: 14,000 pounds

#### Iraqi Al-Hussein

Modified Scud-B  
Range: 375 miles (can hit Riyadh or Dhahran from Kuwait)  
Warhead: About 250 pounds  
Chemical potential: Both Al-Hussein and Scud-B can carry chemical or nuclear warhead; if chemical, probably mustard gas



## OUR VIEW

### Non-traditionals add spice to campus

In the Sept. 13 issue of the *Missourian* a syndicated cartoon was published in the entertainment section that has stirred a lot of controversy.

The cartoon describing a non-traditional student was not meant to cause anyone trauma. Instead, it was to be seen as a parody, an exaggeration of the non-traditional student.

In this week's *Missourian* a non-traditional student, Mike Thompson, is featured. This feature was planned a week before school started. It has nothing to do with the cartoon.

The reason for this feature is because the *Missourian* recognizes the importance non-traditional students play and the hardships they face when deciding to return to school.

More and more non-traditional students can be seen on campuses across the country. Many are there to finish their education, while others are just beginning theirs.

But, by returning to school, non-traditional students experience problems that are unique to the traditional student.

Many non-traditionals have spouses, children and jobs. Time for them is limited and must be planned for. But even with time planned, outside interferences such as a sick child or a boss expecting a certain job done can disrupt the non-traditional student's routine.

At this point, frustration builds and the non-traditional student begins to wonder if it is all worth the effort.

Fortunately, professors and advisers understand this frustration and can be of great assistance to the non-traditional student.

Many professors have said they enjoy having the non-traditional student in class because of the experiences they have had.

Each non-traditional student brings vast knowledge and history of things past. How interesting history can be if a student can hear first-hand the tragic loss this nation felt when Martin Luther King Jr. and John F. Kennedy were shot; the conflict felt between brothers over the Vietnam War; and the excitement of watching as U.S. astronauts took their first step on the moon.

Stop, listen and learn. Non-traditional students can be the link between the past and America's future for the traditional student.

## LETTERS

Dear *Missourian*,

I want to take this belated opportunity to congratulate you on your first issues of the newspaper! You have done an excellent job in covering a variety of news items in a concise yet insightful manner.

Additionally, the layout and presentation of materials are well done.

You are to be commended on your efforts! Keep up the great work!

Sincerely,  
Denise Ottinger  
Dean of Students

To the Editorial Staff of the *Missourian*,

I read with interest your recent cartoon regarding the adult student. Everyone enjoys a good chuckle now and then, but not when it is at the expense of a very important segment of our student body.

The adult student is sacrificing a great deal in terms of time and money to complete their education. Families must take a back seat to studying for an exam, money that would normally be used for daily living must be used for paying fees and the "extras" are put on hold until the next bill is paid. Many students face similar struggles, but the returning adult student must also face the responsibilities of family and job. It is very difficult to balance education and daily living stress.

I think it is unfortunate that so many Northwest students were hurt and made to feel unwelcome because of a weak attempt at humor. Please consider an apology!

Sincerely,  
Betty Bush

Dear *Missourian*,

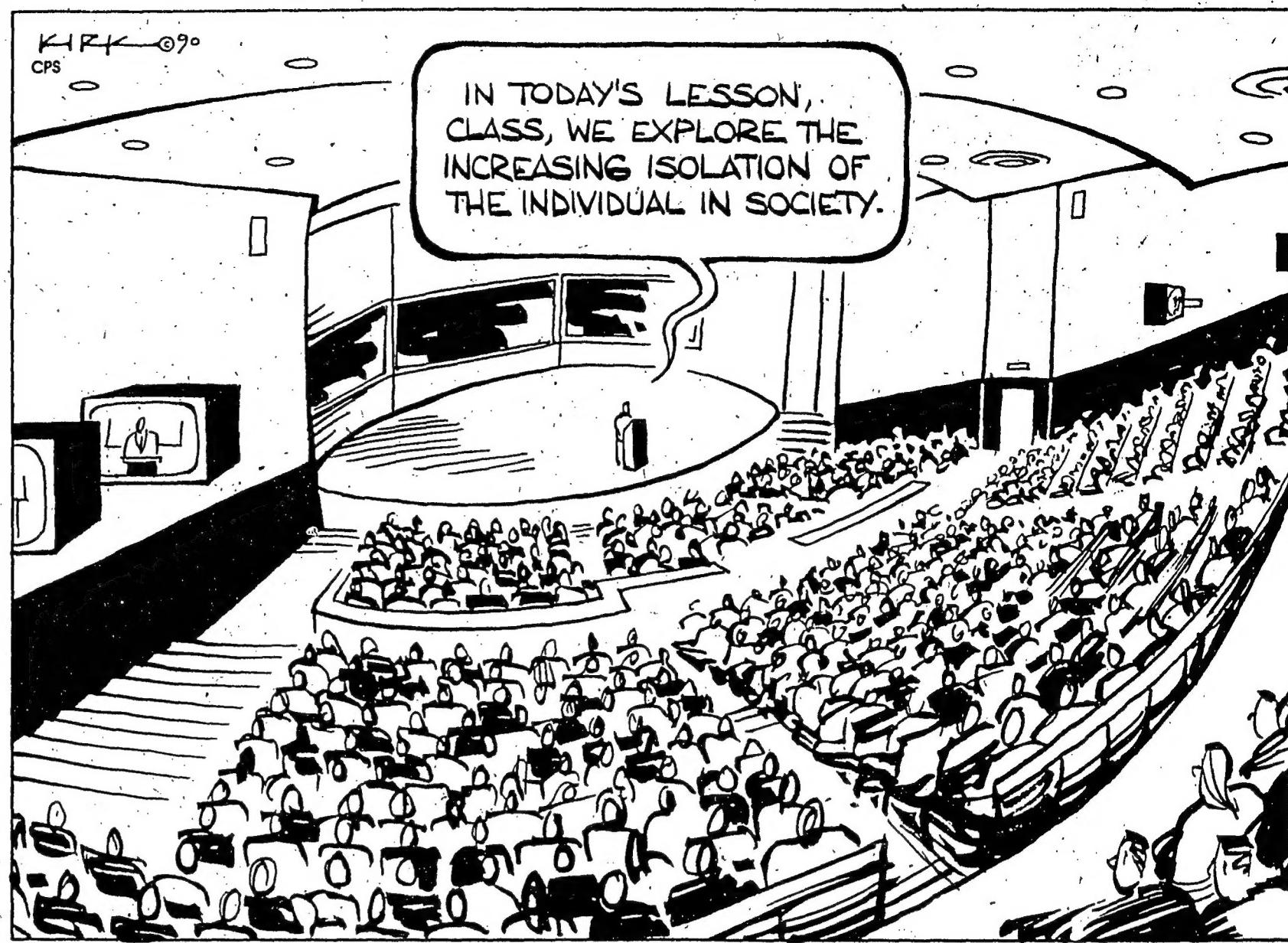
Now that I have your attention, I would like to comment on your "Safe Sex" article.

STDs are a fearful thing. All precaution should be taken to reduce their incidence. However, only one of the agents and devices in the photograph would have any use in this regard: the condom.

I know students would be too intelligent to be misled, but one should not be too sure about that.

All the items pictured can be and are used to prevent incursion into parenthood, not a disease, but a responsibility.

Sincerely,  
Dale W. Rosenberg



## Stroller gives students warning: follow highway safety rules



The words this week are travel and safety. When these two words aren't used together, frankly, it scares me.

Now I know we're in college and it seems like we are going to live forever but there are certain precautions we all can take to make sure we don't welcome the inevitable before its time.

First of all, the number of accidents in and around Maryville lately should be a big eye opener to the hazards that lurk on the roads when we travel. To give credit where credit is due, I applaud those of you who do take the time to be careful.

Too often in our search for a good time or quick trip home we forget the basics of wearing seatbelts and proper upkeep of our automobiles, not to mention ignoring the fact that driving while intoxicated and the consumption of alcohol by minors is illegal and

dangerous.

No matter how lucky we feel we may be, the fact is the result of any of this behavior can be deadly.

I know this is a pretty solemn subject for the Stroller to confront but considering the problem has affected students of this University, it was time to look at the problem, if not for you then for myself.

A typical Stroller travel adventure: it's Friday afternoon and I've braced myself for an exciting trip home. Stop off at the Pit Stop to grab a soda and a snack and I'm off on the open highway.

I've got no time to check the oil or worry about the seatbelt because I have just got to make it home for a hot date.

Why go 65 mph when you can get away with going 70? At least everyone tells me that. It must be okay if everyone else does it.

Another justification for my excessive speed is that a friend told me the highway patrol won't stop you if you are going with the average speed of the traffic flow even if it is excessive. Just my luck! It happens to be about 80 mph today so the trip shouldn't take too long.

And I didn't take time to check to see if my tires were properly inflated. Maybe I should have because I really don't have time for the flat I've just been blessed with. I ended up missing the date completely and ended up spending too much money on a new tire. What a great way to start off a weekend.

Okay, you're saying, this is just a scenario - big deal. Well, not exactly. This actually happened to me and I was extremely lucky after being so careless -- I wasn't hurt. But I did learn my lesson and I was thankful something

worse didn't happen because it sure could have.

When it comes right down to it, the neglect that we've had towards ourselves and our travel habits should make us feel kind of stupid. I know it makes me feel that way.

After all, what are we thinking when we come up with something more important than arriving safely to our destination or even more important than that, simply living?

When someone comes up with a good excuse for being careless, and there really is none, then I won't concern myself. Until then I will not only be making my travels safer for myself, but for you as well if you happen to be the one passing me in the oncoming traffic.

Think about it.

## Cartoon not meant to offend readers



### Newman's Notes

by Heather Newman  
Editor in chief

Controversy over a recent *Northwest Missourian* cartoon has prompted this week's column.

It seems that the syndicated "Plebes" cartoon, "How to Spot the Adult Student," printed in the Sept. 13 issue of the *Missourian* offended several female non-traditional students at Northwest.

"Plebes" is a syndicated cartoon, not an editorial one, and is found in the entertainment section of the paper. Syndicated cartoons are there for the purpose of enjoyment by our readers, but in no way do they reflect the editorial viewpoint of the *Missourian* staff. If they did, they would be found on the editorial page.

The *Missourian* has undergone a significant change in format this fall, including the addition of several syndicated cartoons and one syndicated column. We do not run these cartoons or this column with the intent of insulting any group on campus and cannot discontinue publication simply because a person or group of people might be offended at some point in time.

However, the *Missourian* does welcome the views of our readers, whether positive or negative. A column titled "Letters to the Editor" is run each week on the editorial page to give individuals the chance to express their opinion.

## To The Editor,

Please allow me to correct an error in Jeff Behney's article on Richard Flanagan, Northwest's athletic director. Behney states in the Sept. 20 *Northwest Missourian* that "the football coach before Bud Elliott went 10 times over his budget amount." What should have been said is that unnamed coach awarded 10 too many football scholarships in 1987. As a result of the "overabundance," Northwest was penalized by the MIAA Conference with a reduction of 10 scholarships for the 1988, 1989 and 1990 seasons (3-1-3 each season).

The government, I'm sure, can easily go well over its budget, but no one here at Northwest can do that. It was an honest mistake, but needed to be corrected.

Sincerely,  
Virgil Albertini  
Faculty Athletic Representative

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# Student Senate elections:

candidates give campaign platform; express hopes for Senate's future

by Jennifer Westcott

News Editor

Student Senate will hold elections to fill vacant senate seats on Oct. 2 in the Gazebo between Brown Hall and the Student Union. The positions open this year are: freshman president, two freshman representatives, sophomore representative, junior class representative and two off-campus representatives.

Each candidate was asked to fill out a questionnaire about why they would make a good candidate. The following are their responses.

**Q.** What changes would you like to see implemented in the next year?

**A.** Kirk Barnhart

"(I would try to implement) more projects in recycling," Kirk Barnhart, candidate for freshman president, said.

Barnhart, a marketing major, promises to "work until the job is done."

**A.** Alphonso Atkins

"(I would like) a more visible unity among the freshman class. I'd like to see some activities

the freshman class as a whole can participate in," said Alphonso Atkins, freshman class president nominee, said.

Atkins, an international business/government major said his

greatest asset is his ability to lead a group. "I feel that it is an obligation for a good student leader," said Atkins. He held the position of student body representative in high school and is very interested in student government.

**A.** John Hudson

"(I would like to fix) any rough relationship between the students and administrators," John Hudson, freshman class president nominee, said.

Hudson, a journalism/English major, said the experience he has gained in various high school governments will help him if elected to the senate. He said his greatest asset is "the ability to effectively reason with others in a friendly and logical manner."

**A.** Jennifer Schug

"(I would try to solve) environmental problems, parking problems, dorm problems or anything else the student body thinks is a problem and needs help with," Jennifer Schug, freshman class president nominee, said.

Schug, a public relations major, said her greatest asset is that she is energetic.

"I want to do this job and I want to do it well," she added.

Schug said she feels that she is qualified because she has served

as Kearney (Neb.) senior high student body president and is currently Nebraska Girls' State Lt. Governor-elect and first alternate for Girls' Nation.

**A.** Karen Kujath

"I would like to get the class together in more functions with other classes," said Karen Kujath, candidate for freshman class president.

Kujath, a psychology major, said her greatest asset is her ability to work with others.

"I'm a very people-oriented person. I can relate to people very well," she said.

**A.** John Holcombe

"The most important thing I would like to see (solved) is the parking problem," said John Holcombe, freshman representative candidate.

Holcombe, a business major, said his strongest asset is his leadership ability and past experience as a member of the Regional Cabinet of Greater Kansas City.

**A.** Dana Peterson

"I would like to see more parking access available," Dana Peterson, freshman representative candidate, said.

Peterson, a finance major, has held the offices of National Honor Society treasurer, student councilman and class president in high school. He said his greatest asset is his ability to communicate well.

**A.** Gary Pilgrim

"If elected to office, I would like to see Colden Pond cleaned up and landscaped," Gary Pilgrim, candidate for sophomore class representative, said.

Pilgrim, a public relations major, said his greatest asset is his ability to work well with others. He feels that as a public relations major, he will be a useful medium between the students and the senate.

**A.** Stephanie Schwang

"(I would like to work toward) the possibility of granting out-of-state students the opportunity

to receive hours at in-state rates. (I would also like to see) more student-faculty interaction and more merit given to outstanding students," Stephanie Schwang, candidate for sophomore class representative, said.

As Student Senate secretary during the 1989-90 academic year, Schwang, who is majoring in secondary English education, said her

leadership characteristics are her greatest asset.

**A.** Anna Elonich

"(I feel there is a) lack of communication between the Senate and the students. I want this changed," Anna Elonich, candidate for junior class president, said.

Elonich, an education major, said her greatest asset is her knowledge of advertising and her time. She has had two years of senate experience as advertising chairman at a junior college.

**A.** Ken Miller

"I would like to see Student Senate become more activity-oriented. A focus on all cam-

pus entertainment could greatly improve University spirit. CAPS does an adequate job with their end of the spectrum, but more effort needs to be made towards entertaining and involvement in philanthropic events," said junior Ken Miller, off-campus representative candidate.

Miller, who is currently Inter-Fraternity Council vice president, is also active in committees through IFC, Student Senate and Sigma Phi Epsilon. Miller added he had served as an associate member of Student Senate his freshman year.

Miller said his greatest asset is his involvement in IFC because he has developed "contacts and rela-

tionships with the people necessary to make things work on this campus."

**A.** Tom Narak

"I would like to see improved communications between the students and Student Senate," sophomore Tom Narak, off-campus representative candidate, said.

Narak, a political science major, said his previous experience as a freshman representative, as well as the leadership seminar that he attended in Orlando, Fla., last year, will help him this year. Narak is also involved in Alpha Kappa Lambda and is a representative from his fraternity to IFC.

**A.** Travis Stuckey

"Student Senate should become the bond between administration and the students. Students should also become aware of what Student Senate is doing," said sophomore Travis Stuckey, off-campus representative nominee.

He said his experience as senior class president in high school and other leadership positions in high school and church will help him. He is currently in charge of community service for Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Stuckey, a broadcasting major, added that his greatest asset is his leadership ability.

# WANTED: TALENT

Top-notch undergraduate research program is looking for students who:

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## Research at Northwest

Undergraduate research at Northwest is a commitment to significant, professional quality research. Normally, it is a collaboration between a professor and a student on a topic the professor is currently studying as part of his or her own professional research.

Students and faculty work side-by-side, perhaps for most of the undergraduate degree program at Northwest. The commitment is similar to that of a part-time job, an athlete's exercise of player eligibility, or participation in a musical group.

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**MISSOURIAN  
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*Oakland's costs skyrocket;  
dynasty prices beat inflation*



**Sports  
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by Gene Morris,  
Sports Editor

The Oakland Athletics look poised for another shot at the World Series.

The dynasty is definitely back. The Athletics are not new to the dynasty scene, but this time the cost is much higher.

The Athletics dominated the American League during the early '70s. The team had superstars like Jim "Catfish" Hunter and Vida Blue on the mound with Rollie Fingers working his magic from the bullpen.

The offense was provided by Reggie Jackson, Derson Johnson and Sal Bando.

The team won the World Series three consecutive years during the early '70s. When comparing the salary for their top 15 players to that of their 1990 counterparts, there is no competition.

The 1973 team had a payroll of \$773,000 for their top 15 players. The 1990 club has an incredible payroll of \$30.9 million for their 15 best players.

You can say that was almost 20 years ago and inflation has a part to play in that role. True, but has the cost of living increased over 3,200 percent? Unless that cold soda you are drinking is \$150, I don't think so.

Players during the '70s were making enough money to live comfortably for four or five years, but today's stars are racking in enough to be set for life.

Jose Canseco made over \$4 million this year. The figure is unreal when you consider the entire team in 1973 made a fraction of that.

Canseco is a great player, but it is hard to say anyone is worth that kind of money.

Reggie Jackson, destined for the Hall of Fame, was getting paid less than \$100,000 for the Athletics. No player on the roster in 1973 made more than \$75,000.

A few years ago people started calling baseball the millionaires' game. I just kind of laughed then. There were maybe eight or nine players getting that kind of money. It really wasn't a big deal.

These days nearly everyone gets paid a million dollars. When an average outfielder like Dave Henderson is making that kind of money, something is wrong. The Athletics have 12 players making over the million dollar mark.

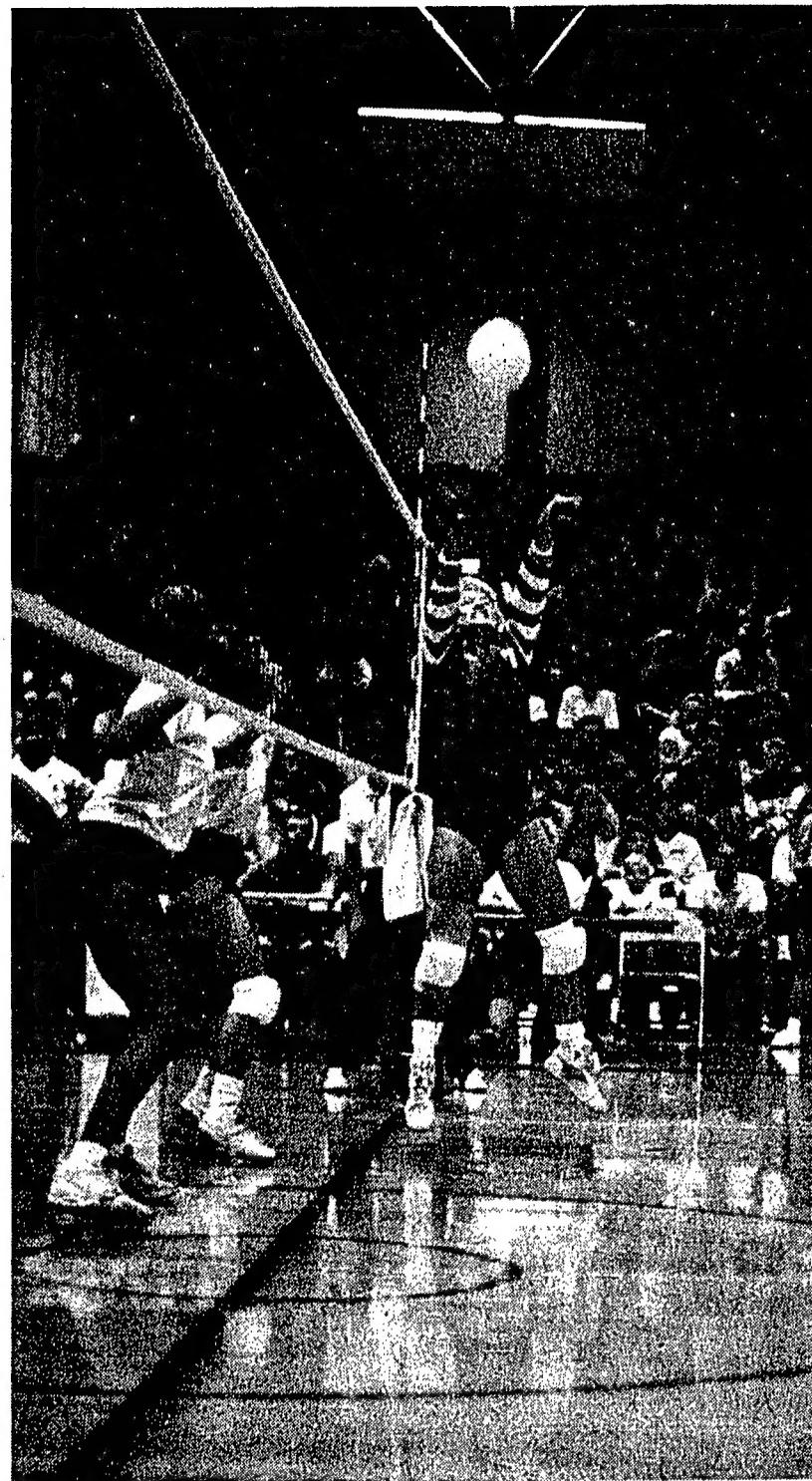
The money players make these days is ridiculous. That is all there is to it. At the rate salaries are rising, the average player in 2010 will make over \$10 million a year.

You might laugh now, but that is the rate at which the average salary has risen since 1973.

Something has to be done about the salaries. That is a great thing to say, but what could really be done?

Unfortunately, the only real alternative is to stop watching baseball. Not much of a decision is it? See you at the ballpark.

# Volleyball loses third straight



SET 'EM UP—Bearkitten Annette Brugmann launches a set in Northwest's 3-1 loss to Graceland, Tuesday night at Lamkin gym. Brugmann had five kills on the night. (Photo by Scott Jenson)

by Gene Morris  
*Sports Editor*

Graceland handed the Bearkitten volleyball team its third consecutive loss Tuesday night in Lamkin.

The Bearkittens lost the match in four sets by scores of 15-3, 6-15, 15-9 and 15-9. One of the team's co-captains was also injured during the first set of the match.

Terri Palmer sprained her ankle when she landed on a teammate's foot during the first match. Palmer is expected to be out for a week to 10 days, according to coach Peggy Voisin.

A busy schedule may have caught up to the Bearkittens, Voisin said.

"They hung their heads tonight," she said. "It is the first time this season I have seen them do that. That is an indication that they are tired."

"We don't have another match for a week," Voisin said. "We will need that time to rest. The team is just mentally and physically drained."

Graceland was a team the Bearkittens could have handled, Voisin said.

"This was a team we could have beaten," she said. "They didn't do anything that spectacular that we couldn't have won the match. They have some great servers, but we knew that coming in."

The loss drops the Bearkittens to 9-8 on the year while Graceland improves to 13-10.

The defeat is not something Voisin will let spoil the season the Bearkittens are having.

"You can't give up now," Voisin said. "I am not going to let them. We are by no means done winning this season."

The loss to Graceland was something Voisin had hoped would be avoided on their home court.

court.

"I have never beaten Graceland," she said. "I thought we would have a heck of a chance against them on our home court this season. It is kind of a letdown, but they gave me an effort out there tonight."

Graceland coach Steve McDole said he did not know what to expect out of the Bearkittens tonight.

"There were a lot of new faces out there for Northwest," he said. "I am normally aware of who is out there, after coaching for 10 years. From that standpoint, I didn't know what was going to happen."

McDole said his players were aware they were playing a different Northwest team Tuesday night.

"My kids told me they never played a Northwest team that served so hard," he said. "Our kids really felt challenged out there."

Graceland has been racking up some aces this season, McDole said.

"As a team we average better than three-and-a-half aces per game," he said. "You know we have to serve a lot of aces against everyone. I thought Northwest stood up pretty well."

Northwest had a balanced offensive and defensive effort during the contest.

Joey Williams led the Bearkittens in kills with six while Kathy Lauher and Annette Brugmann each had five kills. Lauher also had seven digs in the match. Jennifer Hepburn led the team with 11 assists.

Cheri Rathjen had three aces for the Bearkittens and also led the team with nine digs. Chris Lockhart has seven digs and two assisted blocked shots in the match.

## Hitting perfect stride

### Cross country teams place second

by Joe Bowersox  
*Staff Writer*

Northwest's cross country teams placed second in the Johnson County Invitational Saturday.

The men were anchored by Kendrick Sealy who took first place in the meet. Sealy completed the eight kilometer course with a time of 25 minutes and 18 seconds.

Bearcat Eric Green finished 4th overall, just ahead of teammates Ryan Middleton (8th), Darryl Wagner (9th) and Sean White (11th).

The running conditions were not ideal for the winner.

"The course was very difficult. It was very windy and cold, and the terrain was rough," Sealy said.

Even though the weather was not cooperative, Sealy enjoyed the pace. "It was the ultimate pace for me," said Sealy.

Sean White, who finished

almost three minutes faster than last year's time, believed the team started the race well.

"We got out really well, and looked very strong after the first mile," White said. "We packed really well, and the gap between first and fifth is closing every meet."

Transfer student Ryun Middleton said he was happy with his performance considering his recent ankle problems. Senior Robb Finegan was absent from the meet.

This weekend the Bearcats travel to Seward, Neb., for the Concordia College Invitational.

"As a team we are looking to win at Concordia," White said.

He also said the team's overall time should improve because the course at Concordia is a quick one.

Sealy has set some personal goals for the meet. "I want to get under 25 minutes," he said.

The Bearkittens, who finished second behind the University of

Kansas, ran an incredible race, according to coach Charlene Cline.

"It's the best race we've run (as a team) since I've been here," Cline said. "We had tremendous improvement in attitudes of competing and in our times."

Northwest was led by Sherry Messner, who finished fifth overall with a time of 19 minutes and 43 seconds.

Messner was followed by a pack of Bearkitten runners. Tina Ross placed 11th, Rheba Eustice 12th, Diana Jensen 18th and Lisa McDermott placed 22nd.

"I felt I started the race too fast," said Messner. "I liked the course because it was fast."

Cline attributes the outstanding performance to last week's practices.

"This week we had one of the best practices that I've ever had as a coach," said Cline.

Cline said the team still needs to close the gap between the 4th and 5th places.



FOLLOW THE LEADER—Staying within reach of the competition, Bearcats Eric Green, 383, and Ryun Middleton, 384, pace themselves down a hill at the Johnson County Cross Country Invitational. Green and Middleton went on to finish fourth and eighth, respectively. (Photo by Vicki Meier)



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**FLAT OUT FAST**—Kendrick Sealy cruises to a first place finish Saturday at the Johnson County Invitational. Sealy finished the course in 25 minutes and 18 seconds. (Photo by Don Carrick)

## Runner looks towards Olympics

by Jeff T. Behney  
Staff Writer

A silence fell over the stadium as the Barbados National Anthem roared from the loud speakers, and there stood Kendrick Sealy, on the platform bending down to receive his gold medal in the Summer 1992 Olympic Games.

This picture is within reach for the junior college transfer from San Jose, Calif., originally from St. Michael, Barbados.

"Olympics is the pivot point of life. The ultimate goal is to get there," Sealy said.

Sealy is thinking ahead to two main goals, Nationals and the 1992 Summer Olympics. He sees himself at Nationals.

Sealy said, "All of us have to pull together and give a good effort."

Sealy has a very positive attitude towards athletics and life.

"I don't care how good a guy is," he said. "I can beat him. This is the attitude you have to have. I just run no matter how it turns out. I don't get scared of (race) times."

Sealy said that a lot of races are 50 percent physical and 50 percent mental, while most people say that a race is mainly physical. "It comes down to the guy who

wants the race the most. The person with the most guts wins," Sealy said.

Teammate Darryl Wagner said, "We needed something like this on the team. We have had lots of individuals on the team, but Kendrick is a team player and has helped us pull together."

Sean White said, "Kendrick is a good worker and always has a good attitude towards things. His presence has made a major impact."

White said, "I would be intimidated if I were on the other team. Good thing to know he is on your side. He just looks fast."

Sealy was discovered many years ago while running under his coach in Barbados.

What would turn out to be his future coach from California, asked him to come run for them. Sealy told him that he was going to Florida to run.

Things fell through in Florida so he went out to California. This was the first time he ran cross country.

Sealy relied totally on his coaches' decision from San Jose to come to Northwest Missouri State University. His junior college coach arranged everything.

"I came here cold turkey," Sealy said. He did not come here to look at the campus before moving down.

Sealy likes being on a cross country team more than track because it is more of a team sport and has unity.

"I like unity," he said. "A person is much stronger when they are with a team. I like to know I'm part of a team whether I'm running good or bad."

Sealy encourages the team members on and loves to know he is helping. He likes to share his ability.

"I like to see things going right," he said. "It's a team sport. You have a better chance of getting ahead."

After Sealy is through running, he wants to move to California, write an autobiography, and help his junior college coach teach others. Sealy wants to give back some of the things he has learned.

Being from Barbados and the

warm year-round temperature, Sealy actually prefers the cold weather much better than heat. He likes it best when the temperature is between 65-70 degrees.

Sealy said that if he could be anywhere, he would be back in California.

"Most of my friends are there," he said. "I have good performances in that environment."

He said that a person can run at any time of the day there because there are many different trails to run on.

Sealy describes himself as, "Easy going, helpful, determined, can be temperamental and likes to achieve his goals. All in all, just a nice guy."

In his leisure time, Sealy writes a lot of letters keeping in touch with people he cares for. He tries to achieve and learn more everyday.

He holds four national records back home in Barbados in the one mile, 5,000 meter, 10,000 meter, and the two mile.

"Besides that, what can I say? I'm very thankful to be in the USA and for the opportunity to improve every aspect of life from athletics to scholastics.

"It has really made me think," he said. "I'm glad to be here, and glad to extend my knowledge to the other members of the team."

### Air it out Liley

## Quarterback throws for 316 yards

by Jason Bruhn  
Staff Writer

Quarterback Jason Liley led Southwest Missouri State to a 30-14 victory over the Bearcats in Cape Girardeau Saturday.

Liley passed for 316 yards on the day including two touchdowns. He also ran in another touchdown himself. He completed 26 of his 41 passes.

The Bearcats suffered more than their third loss of the season. They also were hit with a key injury during the final quarter of the game.

Fullback Ed Tillison strained a ligament in his knee scrambling for a Northwest fumble. Tillison is expected to be out three to four weeks.

The injury could not have come at a worse time for the Bearcats. They face the Central Missouri State Mules on the road this weekend and then host defending conference champion Pittsburg State Oct. 6.

The victory moves Southwest's conference record to 3-0, tying Pittsburg State for the MIAA lead. The loss drops the Bearcats to 1-3.

The football game was not as lopsided as the score might indicate, according to football coach Bud Elliott.

"That score didn't indicate what kind of a game it was," Elliott said. "We could have won that football game."

Quarterback Jeremy Wilson passed for 141 yards and eight completions, but two interceptions and two fumbles were too much for the team to overcome.

The score could have been a lot closer without the miscues, Elliott said.

"We fumbled on our three-yard line, on their three-yard line, and had two interceptions. That's a 28 point swing right there," Elliott said.

The Bearcats were matched against a Southeast team ranked 18th in the nation for NCAA division II, a team respected by Elliott.

"I thought Southeast was awful good," he said. "They are certainly one of the best teams in the conference."

The Bearcats began a rally after the half, with 332 yards rushing in the second half compared to just 61 in the first. The rally put the Bearcats on the scoreboard with 14 second half points, but it was too little too late.

Percy Coleman had one interception and Adam McNairy recovered a Southeast fumble. Offensively tailback Ralph Hinds had four catches and Andy Frerking hauled in three for 71 yards and one touchdown.

Tillison carried the ball 22 times for 185 yards. He also scored the first Bearcat touchdown with an 18-yard run.

The Bearcats travel to Warrensburg this weekend to play the Central Missouri State Mules. The Bearcats are 1-1 on the road this season and are 0-2 at home.

The Bearcats suffered more than another loss against Southeast Missouri State. Starting fullback Ed Tillison had to leave the game late in the fourth quarter.

Tillison strained a ligament while trying to recover a Northwest fumble. He is expected to be out of action for three to four weeks.

"Getting well is the important thing right now," he said. "I want to try and make it back as quick as I can. I am just trying to be positive about things right now."

Tillison said if he has to have an injury, it is a blessing to have it during his junior year as opposed to his final year of action.

Tillison ran up a lot of mileage before getting injured Saturday. He carried the football 22 times for 185 yards. He also had one touchdown.

Smith, Tillison's replacement, has carried the football 15 times this season for a total of 41 yards. His longest run was for eight yards and he has had one touchdown.

## Bearcat fumble results in injury

by Gene Morris  
Sports Editor

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Tillison strained a ligament while trying to recover a Northwest fumble. He is expected to be out of action for three to four weeks.

"It (the injury) means we are going to have a freshman starting at fullback," coach Bud Elliott said.

Roderick Smith is going to take over at fullback. He played well for us Saturday when Tillison got hurt.

Smith, Tillison's replacement,



has carried the football 15 times this season for a total of 41 yards. His longest run was for eight yards and he has had one touchdown.



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# NORTHWEST CAMPUS LIFE

# Mike Thompson A Day and the Life of a Non-traditional

by Jodi Leseberg  
Feature Writer

"I'm a recovering alcoholic, I've been in recovery by the grace of God since Feb. 14, 1986; that was the day of my last drink," Mike Thompson said.

Instead of picking up a drink, Thompson now picks up a pen and sheet of paper to take notes during 18 hours of classes at Northwest.

Mike Thompson is a pre-law student majoring in psychology. His interest is in forensic psychology, the study of criminals and the criminal justice system.

In 1968 Thompson came to Northwest for one semester, left with a 0.00 GPA and joined the Navy. He served four years in the service and served two tours of duty in Vietnam.

Thompson then returned to Northwest and "basically blew that through the use of alcohol and drugs," he said.

After a second try at Northwest, Thompson took to the sea for commercial fishing for 12 years. He eventually became a captain.

"I did that (fishing) until alcoholism took that job away," Thompson said. "Most recovering alcoholics and most practicing alcoholics are, basically, a jack of

all trades and a master of none," he added.

Thompson held several jobs before he finally returned to Northwest in the fall of 1988 after he had been sober for two years.

Since his return, Thompson has completed six semesters and carried five 4.0 semesters. His current GPA is 3.7.

Thompson said about his new experiences at Northwest, "The uniqueness, especially for non-traditional students like myself, is the support I get from my department, which allows me not only to gain an education, but to do research and build a resume at my own pace."

He added, "For people my age, as well as traditional students at a younger age, it is vitally important that students have the freedom, encouragement and push to succeed. They're not easy on you around here, they make sure you do it right."

While attending Northwest, Thompson has given various lectures concerning substance abuse to students at Northwest, but his lectures are not confined to classrooms on campus.

As part of Thompson's alcohol recovery process, he helps other people who have alcohol related problems, specifically those people imprisoned in the Nodaway County Jail:

Thompson said, "About four years ago, I went to the county jail and asked if there was anybody there that I might be able to help." He added that he found working with inmates to be helpful for himself as well as for them.

He held a seminar once a week for six weeks on Saturday mornings for those convicted of drug or alcohol related crimes.

Thompson said, "I called up the Elks looking for a coffee pot, I told them what I was doing, and they offered their facilities, coffee and doughnuts, and so the whole thing snowballed."

Thompson was allowed to take inmates out of the county jail to participate in the seminar which has now been developed by the Pioneer program of the psychology department at Northwest.

"The seminar is now much more effective and gives the people better information and help than I could ever give on my own," Thompson said.

Thompson conducts a Sunday School class at the Nodaway County Jail. He moved the class from Laura Street Baptist Church as a part of his unending efforts to support people with alcohol and drug related problems.

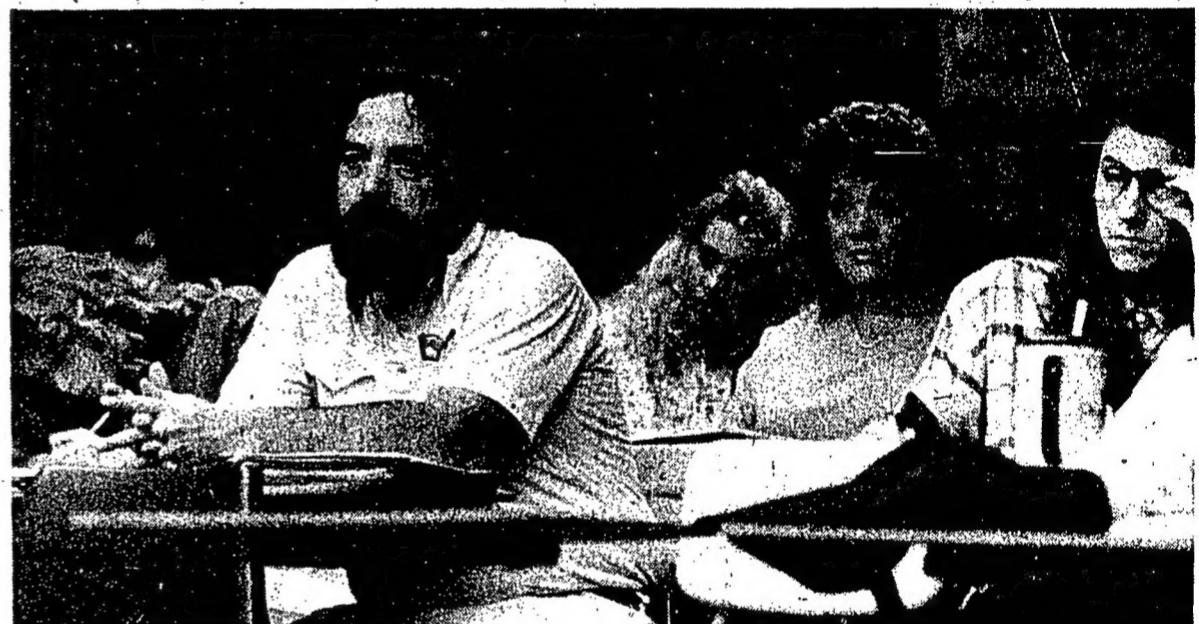
Thompson said, "One of the things that is very important to me today is my belief in God, which I didn't have as an alcoholic."

The class contains 10 to 12 inmates. Thompson said, "It's a unique class, these guys get 'real.'" He added, "If you get one person to see an opportunity to re-adjust their lifestyle to where they can be happy and exist in our society, then it makes it all worthwhile."

Thompson partakes in an extensive research project with the Clarinda Iowa Correction Facility. He was requested by the State of Iowa to do the research in order



Taking a break after classes, Mike Thompson watches his wife Vicki assist their daughter Dillon with her homework. Thompson helps to raise his children and assist in community projects, while carrying a full class load. (Photo by Don Carrick)



After overcoming substance abuse, Mike Thompson returns to Northwest for the third time, maintaining a 3.7 GPA. (Photo by Todd Weddle)

to assess the effectiveness of "The Other Way, (T.O.W.)" program implemented at the center.

Mike and his wife, Vicki, had given accounts of their personal experiences with substance abuse at the center in Clarinda when asked to do the research. Thompson was awarded the Volunteer Achievement Award from the governor of Iowa for his dedication and work.

"I plan on my research being published; that looks excellent on a resume," Thompson said.

Thompson does manage a personal life. "Home life is fun, fast and furious," he said.

Mike, Vicki, and their 11-year-old fraternal twins, Reggae and Dylan, all attend school together. The children attend Horace Mann Laboratory School. He said, "We all come together, bookbags and all."

Mike also has an 18-year-old step-daughter and an 18-month-old granddaughter. "We got a package deal, she (Vicki) got the twins and I got a grandbaby!" he said.

Vicki, a full-time student at Northwest, also owns and manages the MFA sale barn restaurant.

Mike and Vicki put in voluntary hours for the family guidance center in the Maryville community in which he is chairman of the advisory board.

When Thompson finds time to relax, he enjoys watching John Wayne movies. "It's something to do in which I can have an IQ of minus two to enjoy," he said.

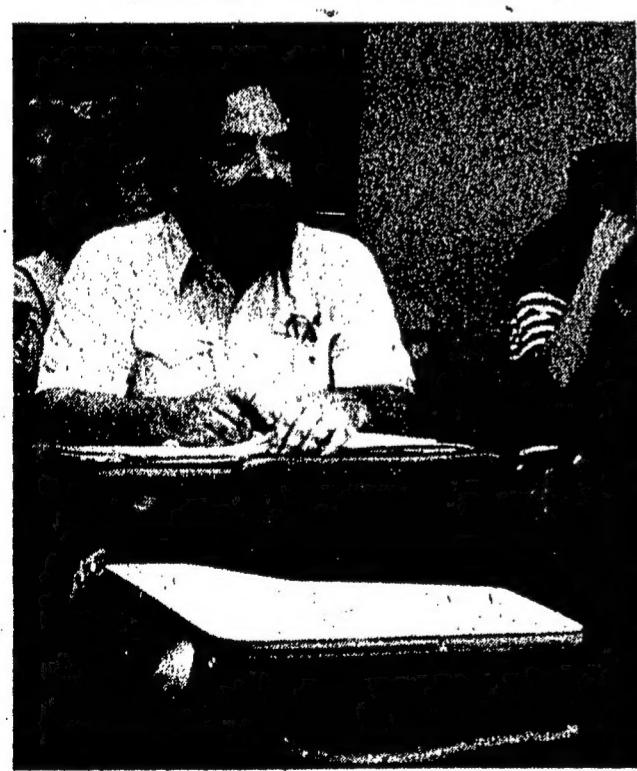
He also camps at nearby ponds and enjoys playing cards with friends from his support groups in his spare time.

Thompson plans to apply for law school at University of Missouri-Kansas City early next year. If accepted, Thompson said, "The best alternative would be to relocate (in Kansas City), but keep our home in Maryville because I do intend to return and practice."

Thompson added, "I'm not unique, our community is full of people in recovery from alcoholism that want to make a difference."



Issuing words of affection, Mike Thompson gives some TLC to one of the lab rats in Colden Hall. The rats are used in several psychology experiments. (Photo by Don Carrick)



Mike Thompson listens intently to instructor Ken Hagen. (Photo by Don Carrick)

# Love, patience and talent sets Schultz apart

by Judy Green  
Features Writer

When walking down the hall of the second floor of the Fine Arts Building, a person will hear voices and instruments ringing in the air. Probably the highest, most lyrical, most developed voice ringing above all others belongs to Dr. Patricia Bowers Schultz, assistant professor of voice.

Growing up in a Welsh community in Ohio, Schultz said she was always exposed to music and maintaining the love for the arts was the natural thing for her to do.

"In my community, everybody sang in harmony and I grew up hearing that. The Welsh value the arts and did several productions for the children of the community. I sang my first solo at age three," she said. "My mother was a music teacher and my older sister sang. My grandmother was a concert performer in England. I didn't have a chance to not love music."

This love for music continued through school with music contests and musicals and on to college where she was a member of a women's barbershop quartet, and the university's select choir as well as performing in musical and solo performances.

She started at Miami University in Ohio as a speech and theater major.

"I always loved all parts of the performing arts, but the pull to music was very strong. So I stayed involved with music as well."

Schultz was considered an alto until the end of her sophomore year because it was not until then, she said, that her voice started showing qualities of a coloratura soprano. She was one of two coloratura, (high, lyrical) sopranos attending the university at the time.

Between her junior and senior year, her love for music took her to Huron, Ohio, where she performed in summer theater productions. It was there she met her husband, Dr. Charles Schultz of Northwest's theater department.

"He was playing Conrad Birdie in the Bye, Bye Birdie production. I was playing Kim. He strolled across the stage in his gold lame suit...and how can any 21 year-old resist that?"

The two were married and began their search for graduate schools with strong programs in both of their fields. With a full scholarship to a university in her home state of Ohio, she earned her master's degree in counseling, continuing to take, as well as teach, opera and voice lessons.

Both she and her husband taught for two years in the Dayton, Ohio school system. She taught middle school music and, as a result of also acquiring a French major, taught French at the high school level.

While her husband was work-

ing on his doctorate degree, she remained true to her "love for music" by performing with the Springfield Opera Company, the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra and a six-week tour of Europe where she performed in the major concert houses in Europe and Scandinavia.

Her second teaching job was as a part-time voice teacher and part-time French teacher in North Dakota. She said she kept performing as much as she could by giving faculty recitals and performances in major churches.

After a voice teaching job at Central State University in Ohio, she moved to Maryville where her husband had received a job in the theater department. She taught high school music for a while, but said after teaching at the university level, she was "not satisfied." Schultz then went to the University of Missouri-Kansas City Conservatory to get her doctorate degree. For two years she combined teaching and working on her degree as a temporary position opened in the voice department. In 1984 she joined the music faculty teaching voice, directing the men's barbershop quartet, the "Chordbusters", and teaching music appreciation.

While she is quick to tell of her fondness for teaching others, she continues perform "every chance I get." In 1985 she began researching and writing the story of the famous European music performer Jenny Lind. The first performance of her "Encore for Jenny Lind", in which she stars with her husband who plays P.T. Barnum, was in 1986. For the third consecutive year, the production, which also includes fellow music faculty members Dr. June McDonald and Dr. Peggy Ann Edwards has been recognized by the Missouri Arts Council as part of its list of performances. The production will be presented at Northwest on October 28 as part of the Culture of Quality program.

With all the experience of performing virtually all over the world, Schultz said she still practices an hour a day. Her dedication was recognized recently by the committee choosing outstanding alumni of UMKC's conservatory. She was one of the featured performers of the Encore '90 show-case of alumni recently.

"You never get to a point where you don't need to practice," Schultz said. "I was under a lot of pressure preparing for the Encore '90 performance. I used everything I had ever read about conquering nerves. If you want to be a performer, you have to keep yourself at performance level. The minute you stop practicing you begin losing ground. If an athlete didn't work out every day he would begin losing muscle tone and that is just what we do with the voice. You can't



**BUSTIN' CHORDS**—Dr. Patricia Schultz helps Northwest's barbershop quartet, the "Chordbusters," strive for harmony in an afternoon practice. The "Chordbusters" include Kyle Gorden, Jeff Millahan, Rick Hinkel and Marti Pettit. (Photo by Stacy Bauer)

**MUSICAL EXPRESSIONS**—Assistant professor of voice, Dr. Patricia Schultz shows her many expressions while working with the "Chordbusters." (Photos by Stacy Bauer)

## CAPs brings new film series to campus

by Jenny Fitch  
Contributing Writer

"Pretty Woman", "Hunt for the Red October", "Die Hard I", "Die Hard II" and "Flatliners". Movies on the Maryville Missouri Twins Cinema marquee? No! They are movies CAPs are bringing to campus this semester.

CAPs' main goal, says special events co-chair Kayce Corbin, is to "entertain the campus and we like to have a variety of entertainment."

CAPs first thought of the idea while at a National Association of Campus Activities (NACA) convention in Chicago. CAPs then decided to proceed with the idea in order "to get more people interested in school," said films committee co-chair John Borden. Because most students are interested in big movies, like "Pretty Woman", Borden added "If we bring in big films to the campus, it will keep people more interested in school."

However, that is not the only reason why CAPs is sponsoring a Film Series. "It is also to bring us (students) something to do on the weekends other than getting drunk," Borden said.

The films are approximately three weeks apart, and are held in the Dugout, located in the Student Union. The cost of the films are \$2 a person, compared to the Maryville price of \$3.75, and a city price close to \$5 a person.

"Not only are we giving a chance to students to see a movie at low cost," said Corbin, "but also it's convenient because it is right here on campus."

Touchstone's "Pretty Woman" was this year's guinea pig, said Borden. It was shown Aug. 30-Sept. 1. Attendance for all three shows exceeded 300. This was quite a turn around from last year's movie, "War of the Roses".

"I think we had a total of 36 people all three nights," said Borden. "We were not expecting that type of crowd (at the Thursday, 7pm performance)."

One of the chief complaints about the movie was the lack of room and seating. "I thought it was rather inappropriate having it in the dugout," said freshman Michelle Ellis. "It was too crowded. We were packed like sardines and that made it hotter than it really was."

Borden said that they are thinking of moving the shows to a different location, but if that happens there will be no food allowed.

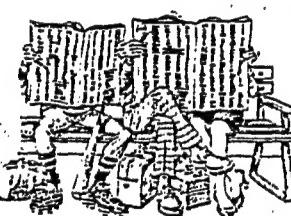
CAPs pays approximately \$650 to \$1,000 to bring the movies to campus. They are rented from Films INC., Chicago, Ill. who license CAPs to show the movie to a crowd. The movies come on three 16mm reels which have to be shown simultaneously in order to avoid a break between reels.

"We lose money on the average," said Borden, "but we are not here to make money off the students."

"Hunt for Red October" will be shown Sept. 27-29. Depending on whether or not the production company agrees to an early release, "Die Hard II" could be shown as a double feature with "Die Hard I", on Oct. 11-13. "Flatliners" is on schedule for Nov. 15-17.

"In the future," said Borden, "I'd like to see this (Film Festival) become every two weeks. Because the shows in Maryville are showing almost the same things the same time. Besides, stay on campus you'll probably stay out of trouble."

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## Students organize news association

by Michelle Larison  
University Editor

Students interested in a career dealing with broadcast journalism or simply gaining experience in the field can join the ranks of over 3,000 journalists and other professionals nationwide by becoming a member of the Radio - Television News Directors Association (RTNDA).

Recently opened up to college students, RTNDA is an organization whose members include Walter Cronkite, Barbara Walters and John Chancellor. According to adviser Ken White, it is the most powerful and influential news organization in the world, composed primarily of news directors.

RTNDA was introduced to Northwest last year by former mass communication instructor Terry Harris who, along with the officers, drew up by-laws and a formal constitution.

"He really worked hard to get the group started," White said. "I talked to him on the phone for a couple of hours to see what some of his goals were for the organization."

The first meeting of the semester consisted of 40 students with various ranges of experience. This variety is a big plus for students that have only concentrated study

in one area but want to experience others. RTNDA is open to anyone who wants to learn despite the myth that it is only open to broadcast majors.

"Take for instance the people involved in radio, they don't really get that much exposure to television," said student member Bill Yager. "A lot of times you need to be versed in many areas to be able to find a job once you graduate."

The group produces a weekly half-hour news magazine, "Northwest Edition," which gives them a chance to learn new skills or put already learned skills to work.

"Instructors help you learn how to do news packages for TV, learn the equipment; that's what classes are for. Often times some people want to get a little more experience than they received in class or get some experience before they take a class, that's what RTNDA is designed for," Yager said.

White said the Northwest chapter has two main goals: networking and producing a weekly television show so the student has something to show prospective employers when they graduate.

"My personal goal is to introduce the student members to as many news professionals as possible, which I hope leads to internships, which could lead to who knows where," White said.



LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!—Live on the set, Lisa Gruenloh speaks to the camera while fellow RTNDA members Bill Yager, Deb Raus, Kurt Sempf and Kara Graham work behind the scenes in the production of the show, "Northwest Edition." (Photo by Todd Weddle)

As the new group starts under a new faculty adviser, White realizes the need to stay within guidelines while building a foundation for the group.

"We have to keep in mind what we're here for," White said. "It really boils down to how much time each student is willing to devote to the organization."

Freshmen and sophomores are encouraged to become members

as well as juniors and seniors. According to White, the earlier students begin with the group, without the pressure of a grade, the easier related classes become.

One trip RTNDA is planning ahead for is the Regional RTNDA Convention in Springfield, Mo., next semester.

"I told the members to just print off a billion resumes and hang them up on the wall during the conven-

tion," White said.

"Directors come in, and if they are hiring they will just come take them off the wall."

On a flier put out by RTNDA it states 11 reasons to join the organization. They are: networking, management tips, information, access, data, professional development, a link to the latest trends, job leads, recognition, support and adherence to the highest journalistic standards.

White, who was formerly a television anchor in Pennsylvania, admires those students who want to get involved and know what they are here for.

"They know they need to be competitive," he said. "I wish there would have been an organization like this when I was in school. It is just too good of an opportunity to pass up."

## Rappelling class leaves student hanging by a thin rope

by Don Carrick  
Contributing Writer

"All right Don," Master Sgt. Mike Rodgers, my instructor, said. "Just let go of the railing with your left-hand and grab hold of the rope."

Whoa, reality check here. Couldn't letting go of the railing I'm white-knuckling here drop me thousands of feet (or twenty, depending on your point of view) to my death? I know I'm not the greatest guy in the world, but I feel I have quite a bit to live for. I may have just done a hasty thing signing up for this rappelling class.

In the past, I have looked at people hanging on the side of Colden Hall, their lives suspended on thin ropes, and I have said, "You wouldn't get me up there for all the gold in Fort Knox." If I was standing by a girl this statement became, "Heck, I could do that; probably with my eyes closed and with one hand tied behind my back."

It turns out you can rappel with one hand tied behind your back, and it's usually easier with your eyes closed as I found out when I decided to take the class this semester.

For our first descent, Rodgers, or "Top" as I like to call him, had

us rappel off the small wall in Lamkin gym. True, from the ground this wall looks roughly 20 feet in height, but from the top it is 898 feet tall with glass ground into the cement and spikes rising out of the ground below. The wall goes by quite fast when you let go of the rope and soon I was at the bottom in one nervous, in-need-of-a-good-stink-drink piece.

As I watched everyone else go down, they looked as graceful as Isadora Duncan, while I believe I looked like a rappelling water buffalo.

The next week we met at Colden Hall. Everyone prepared their Swiss seats and joked like we were going on a bombing run over Germany during World War II. To say most of us were nervous was an understatement; we were petrified. I personally was remembering dentist appointments I had missed and other pressing matters like alphabetizing my record collection.

Soon it was my turn to rappel. I thought about saying some famous last words, but that brought on thoughts of death. Death is an easy thing to think about when you are standing on the ledge of a three-story building, but that's "bad ju-

ju" as Top would say. I did as I was told, locking my knees, leaning back slowly, breathing, and suddenly I was hanging on the wall.

I did it! I actually made it over!

Now, how the heck do I get down?

"Don, look up here," Top said.

"Why?" I said with my eyes closed.

"Cause I'm going to take your picture," he replied.

You know, I'm as nutty for a Polaroid moment as the next guy, and normally I think of myself as somewhat photogenic, but at that moment, hanging three stories above the hard surface we call earth, I didn't feel ready for a photo shoot.

"Can this wait until later? Like when I'm on the ground?" I asked.

"Come on, Don," he said.

"Where's your spirit of adventure?"

"It's three stories below, screaming for me to get my butt down there."

In the end I let him take the picture. It's at home now, safely locked away with all the other things my sister or the rest of my family could embarrass me with. I sometimes look at that picture and think, "You couldn't get me to do that again for all the gold in Fort Knox."

And this time I think I'm right.

**"You wouldn't get me up there for all the gold in Fort Knox."**  
**If I was standing by a girl this statement became, "Heck, I could do that; probably with my eyes closed and with one hand tied behind my back."**

-Don Carrick  
Rappelling Student

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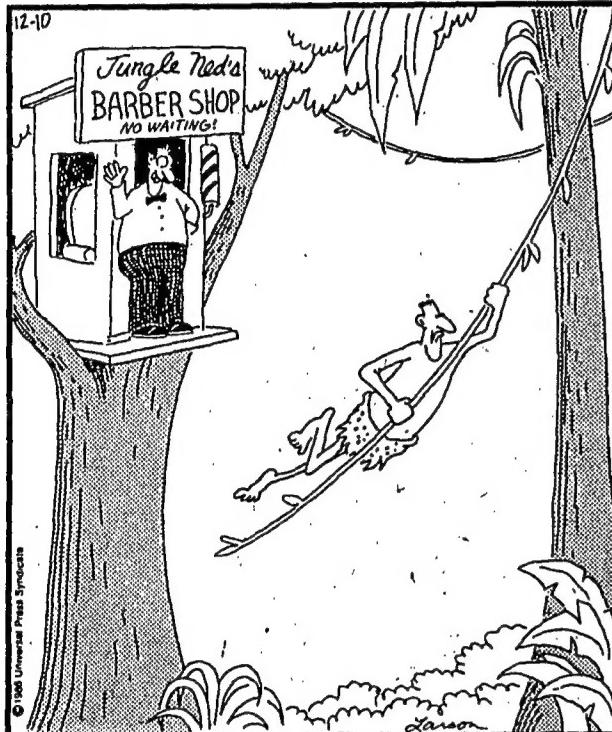
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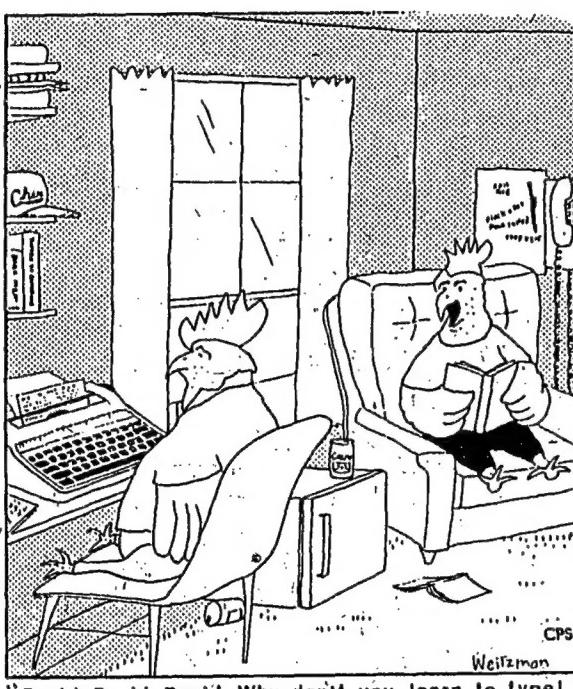
By GARY LARSON



And for two excruciating months, he was simply known as "Skinhead of the Jungle."

## ZOO U.

by Mark Weitzman



Peck! Peck! Peck! Why don't you learn to type?

## EVENTS

## THIS WEEK-

SEPTEMBER 27, 1990

8 a.m. Battle of Beef Weigh-Ins  
4 p.m. American Marketing Assoc. Meeting - CH 228  
4:30 p.m. SMS-AHFA Fall Fashion Show-Spanish Den  
IFC Meeting - Northwest Room  
Panhellenic Council Mtg.  
Stockman Room  
7:30 p.m. Meisenbach & Golden Flute  
Duo-Mary Lim PAC  
CAP Film Hunt For Red October-The Dugout

8:30 p.m. Bible Study-BSU  
SEPTEMBER 28, 1990  
\*Hugh Yorty drawing exhibit closes-DeLuce Gallery  
\*Bearcat cross country-Concordia Invite  
7:30 p.m. CAP film: Hunt for Red October  
OCTOBER 1, 1990  
11 a.m. Quad State High School Invitational-Nodaway Lake  
1:30 p.m. Bearcat football-CMSU  
7:30 p.m. Hunt for Red October-Dugout  
SEPTEMBER 29, 1990  
\*Madraliers in concert-Renaissance Festival  
10:30 a.m. Catholic Mass-U. Club North  
5 p.m. Sunday Supper-Wesley Center  
6 p.m. Dollar Supper-Lutheran Campus Center  
7:30 p.m. Ky Hassall-Senior Recital Charles Johnson  
OCTOBER 2, 1990  
9 a.m. Freshman Yearbook Portraits-Colonial Room  
4 p.m. Homecoming Committee Mtg.-228 Golden Hall  
7:30 p.m. Comedian Mike Saccone Charles Johnson  
OCTOBER 3, 1990  
9 a.m. Freshman Yrbk. Portraits-Colonial Room  
12 p.m. Noon Forum-Dr. Don Hagan  
Homecoming Queen Candidate group photos-Ad Building  
Variety Show olio/memes tryouts-Union Ballroom

## Strike a Pose

Make yourself part of the 1991 TOWER yearbook. Be sure to get your individual portrait taken at the following times. All photos will be taken from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. in the Colonial Room, located on the 3rd floor of J.W. Jones Student Union. There is no sitting fee.

Freshmen .....	Oct. 1, 2
Sophomores .....	Oct. 3
Juniors/Grads/Make-ups (until 3:30) .....	Oct. 4
Juniors/Grads/Faculty/Staff/Make-ups .....	Oct. 5
Seniors (by appointment only) .....	Oct. 8-12

For appointments call ext. 1225 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Oct. 1-12.

## Group Photo Schedule--Oct. 1-5

Monday, Oct. 1  
5:00 Accounting Society  
5:15 Ag. Ambassadors  
5:30 Ag. Bus./Econ. Club  
5:45 Agriculture  
6:15 Agriculture Council  
6:30 Agronomy Club  
Alpha Gamma Rho  
6:45 ABC  
7:00 Alpha Kappa Alpha  
7:15 RTNDA  
7:30 Alpha Kappa Lambda  
8:30 Alpha Mu Gamma  
8:45 Alpha Phi Alpha  
Alpha Angels  
9:15 Alpha Tau Alpha  
9:30 American Home Econ.

Tuesday, Oct. 2  
5:00 American Marketing Assoc.  
5:15 ASPA  
5:30 Amnesty International  
5:45 Art Club  
6:00 Assoc. for Computing Machinery  
6:30 BSU  
6:45 High Performance Team  
7:00 Marching Band  
7:15 Steppers

7:30 Blue Key  
8:00 Buckhorn Boys  
8:15 CAPs  
8:30 Campus Rec./Outdoor Program  
8:45 Cardinal Key  
9:00 C.A.R.E.  
9:15 Cheerleaders  
9:30 Chi Alpha  
9:45 Chi Phi Chi

Wednesday, Oct. 3  
5:00 KXCV-KDLX  
5:15 Chinese Students  
5:35 KIDS  
5:45 Christ's Way Inn  
6:00 Circle K  
6:15 Color Guard  
6:30 Computer Mgmt. Soc.  
6:35 Chordusters  
6:45 Brass Choir  
7:00 Dairy Judging Team  
7:15 Bearcat Sweethearts  
7:30 Delta Chi  
8:00 Delta Psi Kappa  
8:15 Delta Sigma Phi  
8:45 Delta Tau Alpha  
9:00 Delta Zeta  
9:30 Dixieland Hall Council  
9:45 Dixieland Combo

Thursday, Oct. 4  
5:00 English Honor Society  
5:15 Farrier Science Club  
5:30 The Farside House  
5:45 Alpha Sigma Alpha  
6:00 Financial Mgmt. Ass'ts.  
6:15 Flag Corps  
6:30 Flying Bearcats  
6:45 Franken Hall  
7:00 Gamma Theta Upsilon  
7:15 Geology/Geography Club  
7:30 Horticulture Club  
7:45 Hudson Hall Council  
8:00 Industrial Tech Club  
8:15 Inter-Fraternity Council  
8:30 ISO  
8:45 Jazz Ensemble  
9:30 Kaleidoscope Peace  
9:45 Kappa Delta Pi

Friday, Oct. 5  
5:15 Young Democrats  
5:30 Young Republicans  
5:45 Beta Beta Beta  
6:00 Human Resource Management  
6:15 Peer Advisors  
6:30 Amer. Soc. for Personnel Admin.  
6:45 Sigma Sigma Sigma  
7:00 Southwind

## Barry needs input

## Selection of National Insect

Dave Barry

Syndicated Columnist

I am sick and tired of our so-called "representatives" in Washington being influenced by powerful special-interest groups on crucial federal issues. As you have no doubt gathered, I am referring to the current effort to name an Official National Insect.

This effort, which I am not making up, was alertly brought to my attention by Rick Guldin, who's on the staff of U.S. Rep. James Hansen of Utah, at least until this column gets published. Rick sent me a letter that was mailed to congresspersons by the Entomological Society of America. (An "entomologist" is defined by Webster's as "a person who studies entomology.") The letter urges Rep. Hansen to support House Joint Resolution 411, which would "designate the monarch butterfly as our national insect." The letter gives a number of reasons, including that "the durability of this insect and its travels into the unknown emulate the rugged pioneer spirit and freedom upon which this nation was settled."

The letter is accompanied by a glossy political-campaign-style brochure with color photographs showing the monarch butterfly at work, at play, relaxing with its family, etc. There's also a list entitled "Organizations Supporting The Monarch Butterfly," including the Friends of the Monarch, the National Pest Control Association, the Southern Maryland Rock and Mineral Club, and the Saginaw County Mosquito Abatement Commission.

Needless to say I am strongly in favor of having an official national insect. If history teaches us one lesson, it is that a nation that has no national insect is a nation that

probably also does not celebrate Soybean Awareness Month. I also have no problem with the monarch butterfly per se. ("Per se" is Greek for "unless it lays eggs in my salad.") Butterflies are nice to have around, whereas with a lot of other insects, if they get anywhere near you, your immediate reaction, as an ecologically aware human-being, is to whomp them with a hardcover work of fiction at least the size of "Moby Dick."

But what bothers me is the way the Entomological Society is trying to slide this thing through the Congress without considering the views of the average citizen who does not have the clout or social standing to belong to powerful elite "insider" organizations such as the Saginaw County Mosquito Abatement Commission. Before Congress makes a decision of this magnitude, we, the public, should get a chance to vote on the national insect. We might feel that, in these times of world tension, we don't want to be represented by some cutesy little flitting critter. We might want something that commands respect, especially in light of the fact that the Soviet Union recently selected as ITS national insect the Chernobyl Glowing Beetle, which grows to a length of 17 feet and can mate in midair with military aircraft.

Fortunately, we Americans have some pretty darned impressive insects ourselves. In South Florida, for example, we have industrial cockroaches that have to be equipped with loud warning beepers so you can get out of their way when they back up. Or we could pick a fierce warlike insect such as the fire ant, although this could create problems during the official White House National Insect Naming Ceremony ("WASHINGTON — In a surprise development yesterday that political observers believe could affect the

1992 election campaign, President Bush was eaten.")

Other strong possible candidates for National Insect include: the gnat, the imported Japanese beetle, the chigger, the praying mantis, Jiminy Cricket, the laughing mantis, the lobster, the dead bugs in your light fixture, the skeet-shooting mantis and Sen. Jesse Helms. I could go on, but my purpose here is not to name all the possibilities; my purpose is to create strife and controversy for no good reason.

And you can help. I recently acquired a highly trained, well-staffed, modern Research Department. Her name is Judi Smith, and she is severely underworked because I never need anything researched other than the question of what is the frozen-yogurt Flavor of the Day at the cafeteria.

So I'm asking you to write your preference for National Insect on a POSTAL CARD. (If you send a letter, the Research Department has been instructed to laugh in the diabolical manner of Jack Nicholson as The Joker and throw it away unopened.) Send your card to: National Insect Survey, c/o Judi Smith, The Miami Herald Tropic Magazine, 1 Herald Plaza, Miami, Fla. 33132.

Judi will read all the entries and gradually go insane. Then I'll let you know which insect is preferred by you, The People, and we can start putting serious pressure on the Congress. If all goes well, this could wind up costing the taxpayers millions of dollars.

In closing, let me stress one thing, because I don't want to get a lot of irate, condescending mail from insect experts correcting me on my facts: I am well aware that Sen. Helms is, technically, a member of the arachnid family.

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From Mr. Sarcasm

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Christmas.

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Gene

Cindy Higginbotham,  
I miss my old roommate!  
Let's do dinner sometime  
next week.

Heather

Ad Staff:  
You are doing a  
great job, keep up the  
good work!

Suz.

Features Editor:  
Did you enjoy spending  
a Tuesday night at home?

Stix,  
Good luck getting that hot  
date. I miss you!  
Snoopy

Traci,  
Thanks for all the help. You  
be keeping my sanity!  
Jen

Terra,  
Just down in the base-  
ment, thinking about ya!

Big Don,  
Your extra time and  
effort you put in is greatly  
appreciated. A big  
thank you from me, big guy.  
Keep it up, please!

Brandon

Beth O.  
I don't think seven years will  
be long enough-lets go for  
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resist the beautiful ones....

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